

Central of Georgia Railroad:  
Passenger Station and Trainshed  
301 West Broad Street  
Savannah  
Chatham County  
Georgia

HABS No. GA-2167

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Savannah
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Central of Georgia Railroad: <sup>Passenger</sup> Station and Train Shed (from HABS/HAER checklist)		HABS NO. GA-2167
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 301 West Broad Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Station begun 1861, completed 1876. Shed built 1861. (from HABS Georgia Catalog)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Augustus Schwaab (from HABS Georgia Catalog)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Component part of a large complex of mid-19th century railroad structures, which collectively constitute one of the oldest such facilities in the country. These buildings were the last major additions to the complex. The train shed is the earliest remaining example of tricomposite truss construction in America.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Classical and Romanesque motifs		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Station: brick with granite trim; marble and metal cornices Shed: brick with iron detailing; exposed tricomposite (wood, cast iron & wrought iron) trusses		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Station: rectangular, 2 stories, gable roof, 9 bay front, approximately 90" x 48" Shed: rectangular, 1 story, gable roof with 5 foot overhanging eaves, approx. 380" x 70"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Station: "... Facade includes a central five-bay pavilion with pilasters between bays, the pilasters repeated at the corners and between every other bay elsewhere. Windows and doorways arched." Shed: "... open clerestory-type ventilator running the length of the ridge. Each side of shed arcaded. . . " (p.325, HABS Georgia Catalog)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unusual tricomposite roof truss system in shed.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition as of 1976: Good. Use unknown.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Winley, John. The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey. 1982. Zembala, Dennis M. National Register Nomination Form, August 9, 1976 (added to register December 8, 1976). Historic American Engineering Documentation (HAER No. GA-2)		
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ADDENDUM TO:  
CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILROAD, PASSENGER STATION &  
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